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Chetzemoka Update

We have not yet taken delivery of the Chetzemoka from Todd Pacific Shipyards. Todd is awaiting the Failure Mode and Effect Analysis (FMEA) from the U.S. Coast Guard. We had hoped that Todd would have received the FMEA this week, but that has not occurred. We are hopeful that it will be completed next week, so we may begin crew training. The FMEA substantiates that in case of a system failure the back-up system works properly (for example, that the backup generator will operate during a power failure).

Ferry employees save passenger's life

WSF crew members Seaman Steffen Sommer, Second Mate Peter Malek, and Chief Mate Brett Bartanen on the *Tacoma* saved a passenger's life on Saturday through quick action. Steffen Sommer was doing his security rounds when he discovered a man slumped in a chair and non-responsive. Brett Bartanen and Peter Malek were summoned to help and oxygen was quickly administered to the passenger and the defibrillator prepped. However, a light heartbeat was then detected, so the crewmen continued with the oxygen until Seattle medics assumed care at the dock. I want to thank Steffen, Peter, and Brett for their quick response and heroic actions.

Area Maritime Security Committee

On Wednesday, I attended a meeting at the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) Sector Puget Sound with other maritime officials. This committee meets frequently to discuss security issues within the Puget Sound maritime industry. This was the first meeting with the new USCG Captain Scott Ferguson in attendance. I look forward to working with Captain Ferguson on maintaining safe and reliable ferry service.

PVA WSF Expert Panel Report

On Thursday, I joined Governor Gregoire, Secretary Hammond, and members of the Passenger Vessel Association (PVA) at a press conference highlighting a report from the PVA Expert Panel on the ferry system. The Governor and the Legislature asked PVA to convene an expert panel to conduct an independent review of the operation and management practices of the ferry system. The expert panel made 36 recommendations in the report. They address many aspects of ferries' operations, and therefore will require extensive evaluation before any specific actions can be addressed. The report highlighted the positive example set by WSF in many areas, including our outstanding safety record and trip reliability rate – and the terrific job we have done to maintain our aging assets and improve our customer outreach. WSF has been tasked by the Governor's office to review the recommendations and develop an action plan and response by November 15. I will be meeting with my senior management team immediately to develop a schedule for the review and development of an action plan. You may read the report at www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/accountability

Temporary Capacity Reduction on Inter-island Sailings

Beginning Monday, Sept. 13, the 34-car Hiyu will replace the 87-car Evergreen State as the inter-island vessel while the Evergreen State undergoes necessary repairs. Please plan ahead and arrive early for inter-island sailings. Repairs on the Evergreen State are expected to be complete by the end of the week, after which it will return to the inter-island route. I apologize for the inconvenience this may pose to some of our customers.

Next Week:

- WSDOT Senior Managers Meeting
- Vehicle Reservations Program Committee Meeting

- Meeting with the Executive Director of the Port of Everett

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